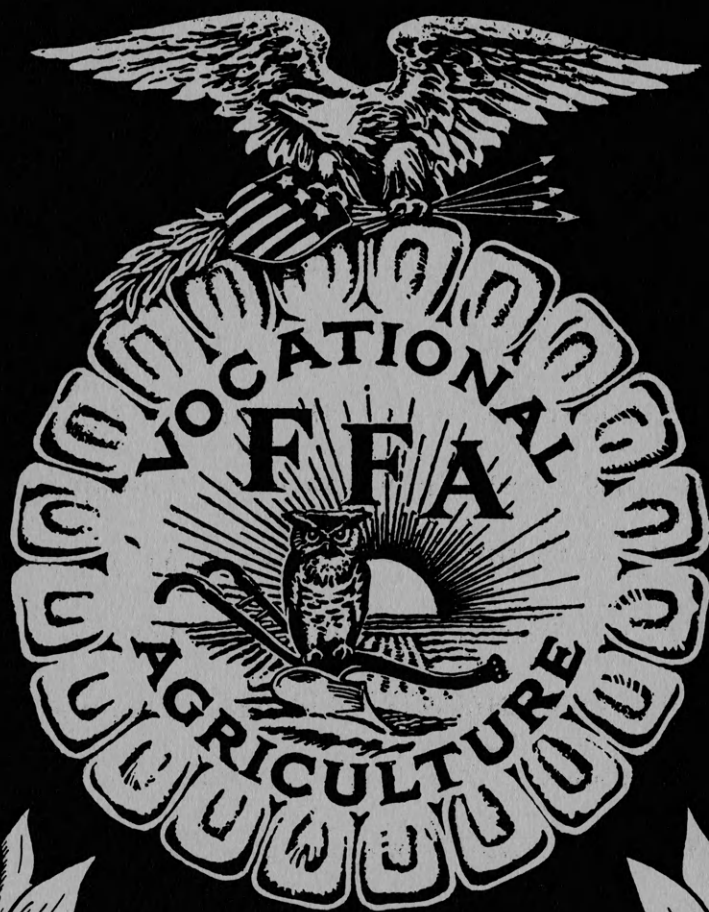


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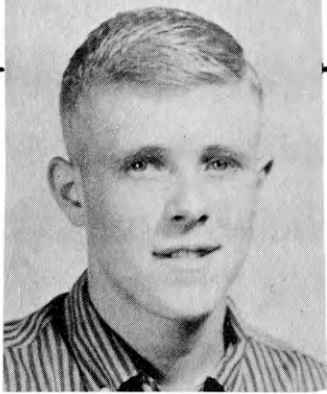
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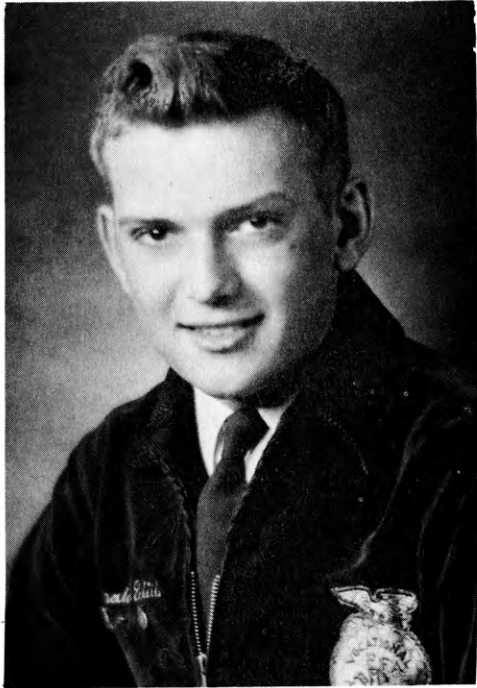
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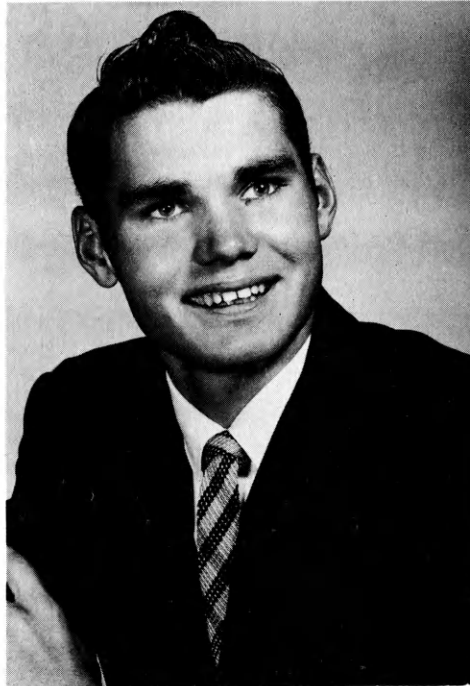
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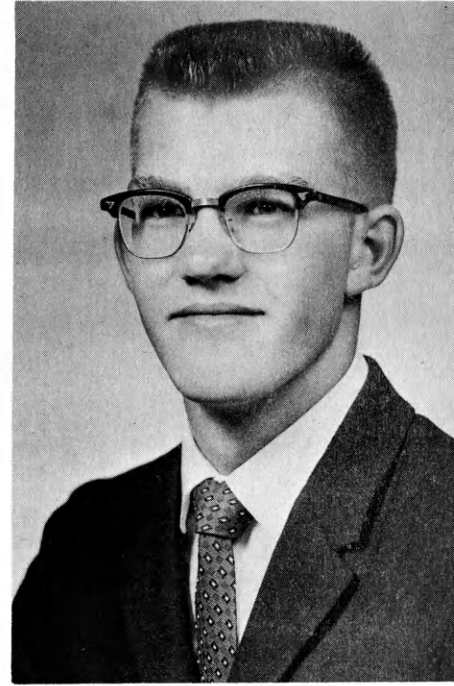
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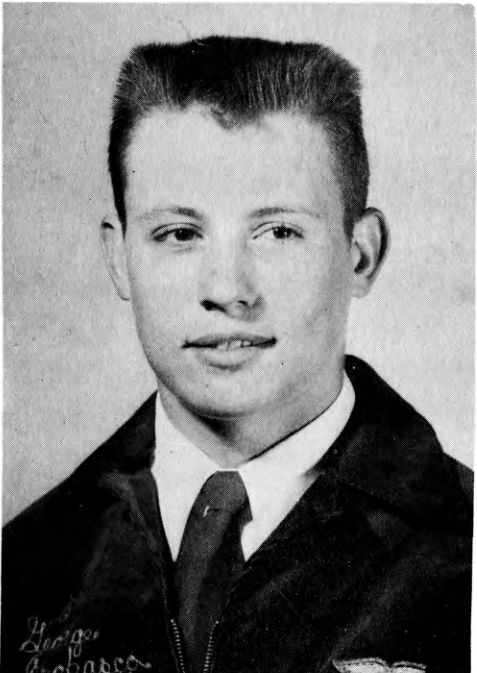
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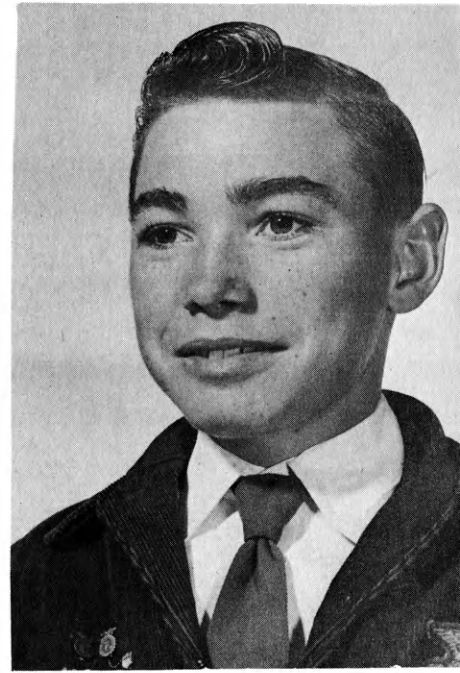
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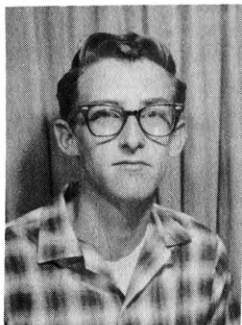


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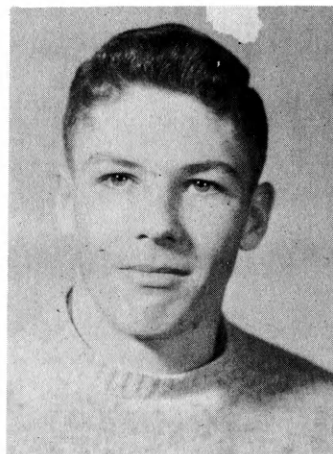
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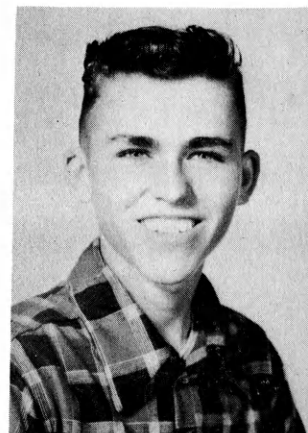
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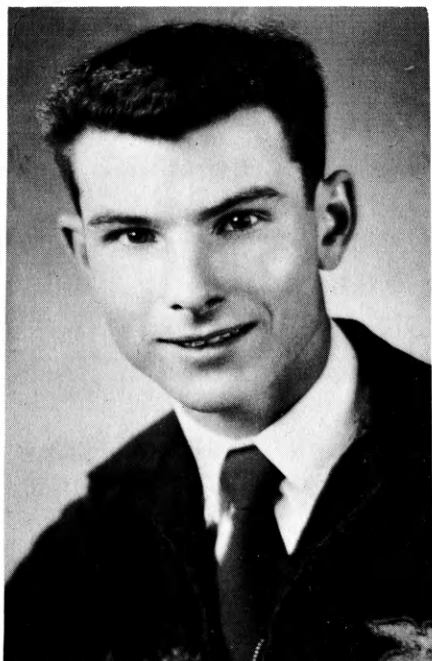
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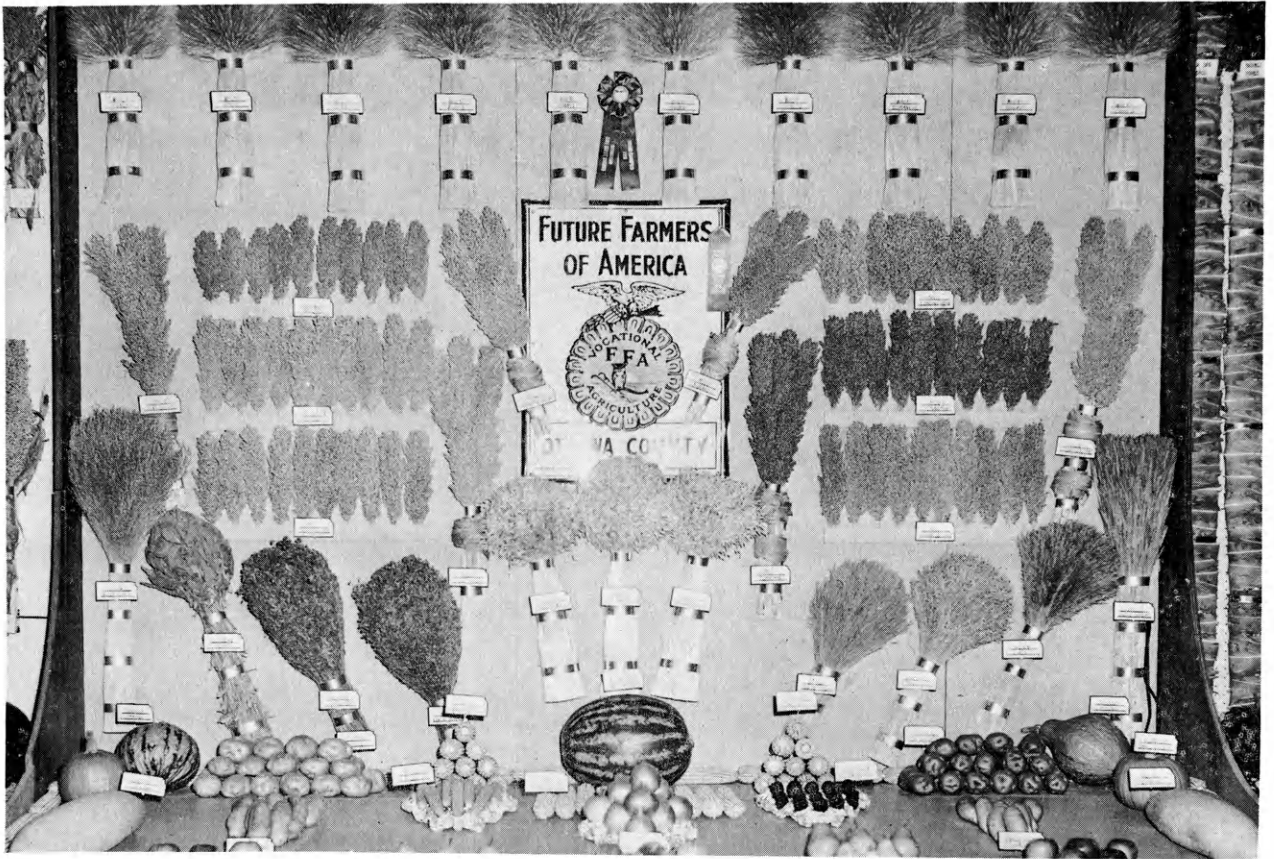
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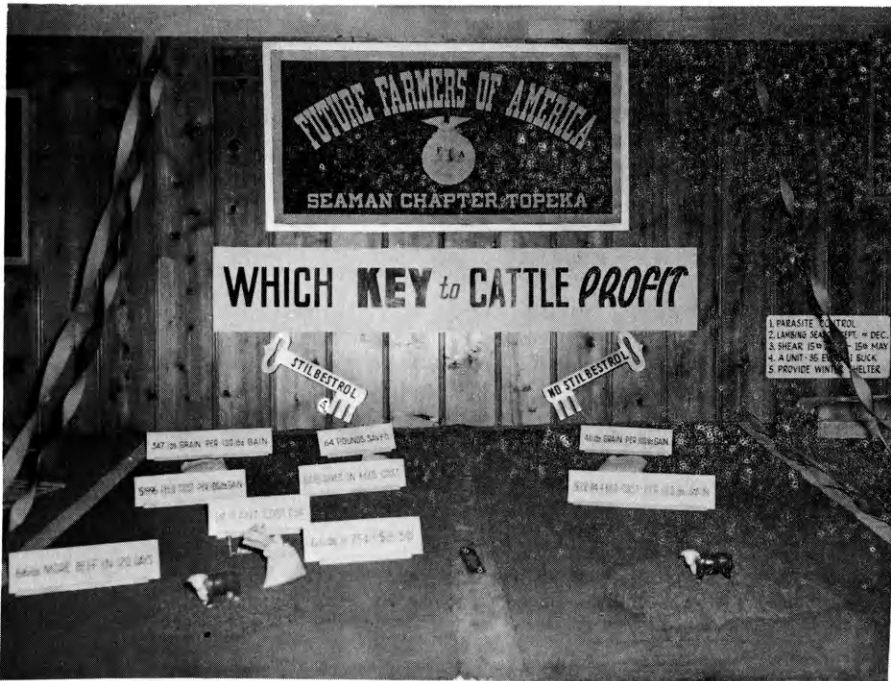
Above: Larry Hicks, Edson, received the Sears Foundation Sheep trophy from Mead Rogers. Larry won the award in the Western area for outstanding accomplishments with his ewe flock. Larry's Mother and Father share in receiving congratulations.



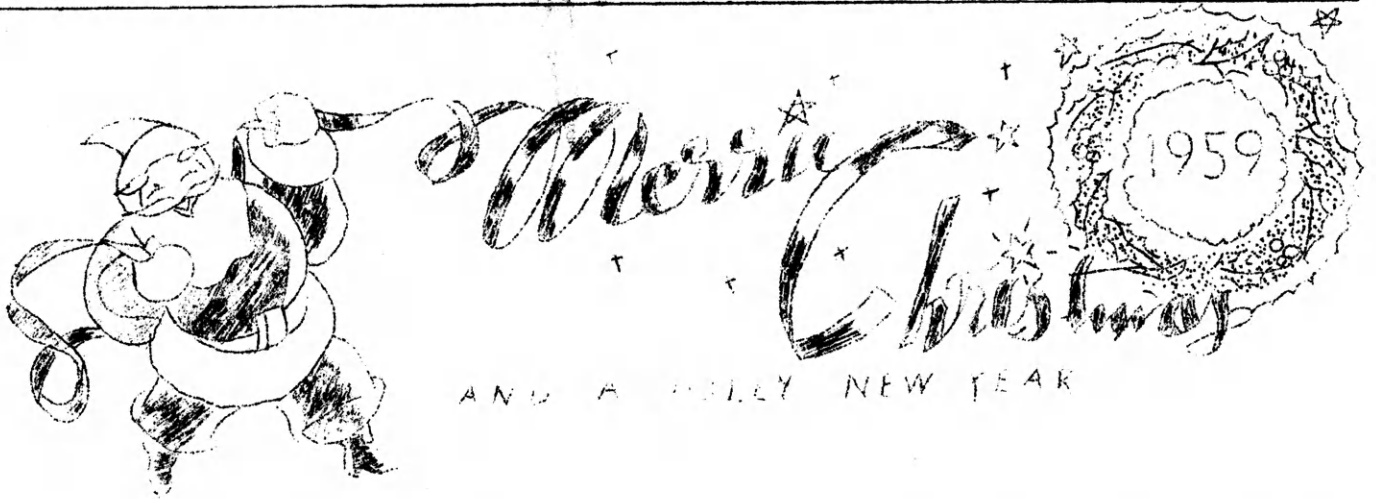
Left: FFA members judged soil at the District Land Judging contest at Hoxie. Knowledge gained through schools and contests such as this is fundamental to the proper care of the soil.



Above: The Grand Champion County Booth at the State Fair in Hutchinson this year was prepared by the Minneapolis FFA Chapter. The field crops and garden products were very carefully selected and were displayed in a most attractive manner.



First place booth at the Mid-America Fair at Topeka this year was prepared by the Seaman FFA Chapter. This booth won over 9 other booths that were displayed by FFA Chapters.



1959 DISTRICT FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

The 1959 District FFA Leadership Schools were held in eleven centers.

The purposes of these schools were as follows: (1) ritualistic improvements; (2) broaden the knowledge of the FFA; (3) exchange ideas on building and executing worthwhile programs of work.

As a result of a high percentage of attendance and participation on the part of local FFA Leadership Schools, the Kansas Association is proud to report that approximately 100% of the local chapters can "Open and Close" an FFA meeting in a highly creditable manner.

The schools were organized in such a manner as to give maximum emphasis to boy participation. Much credit for the success of the 1959 FFA Leadership Schools must be given to the state FFA officers who assisted local FFA advisors, and to the local chapters assigned special roles on the program.

With one exception, the District FFA Leadership Schools were planned to begin at 3:30 p.m. and to close

promptly at 9:00 p.m. All assignments were made early in the school year. Chapters were given an opportunity to indicate preferences in building the program. Chapter wishes were followed insofar as it was found feasible. The following program for the Chanute District FFA Leadership School was typical. (Continued page 2)

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Immobilizing Bossy

The little city boy stood and watched the farmer milk the only cow he had. The next morning the farmer was much excited, as the cow had been stolen during the night.

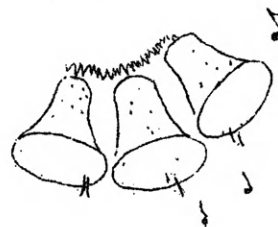
Farmer: "Drat the thief that stole that cow. He's miles away from here by now."
Little Boy: "I wouldn't worry about it mister; they can't get so far with it 'cause you drained her crank-case last night."

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ASSIGNMENTS 1959 FFA LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Host Chapter: Chanute Place: High School

Date and Time: October 6, 1959 - 3:30 p.m.

Order of Business:

1. Host Chapter opens meeting with official opening ceremony.
2. Host Chapter conducts Roll Call of Chapters.
3. Welcome by Superintendent or Principal of Host Chapter.
4. Opening and Closing Ritual Contest - all chapters urged to participate.
5. FFA Information Contest - all chapters urged to participate. Officers only eligible to compete.

SUPPER

6. Talk by Earl Kellogg, Treasurer, Kansas Association of FFA
7. Demonstration - Wearing the FFA Jacket - Girard chapter
8. Demonstration - Parliamentary Procedure - Eureka Chapter
9. Recital of the FFA Creed - John Stitt-Caney Chapter
10. Members of each office meet as a group. Each officer be prepared to present ideas from his chapter. An advisor will meet with each group. Officer groups and advisors follow:

Presidents: Ira Johnston - McCune Chapter

Vice-President: Milton Kohrs - Fort Scott Chapter

Secretaries: John Davis - Altoona Chapter

Treasurers: Clem Young - Cherryvale Chapter

Reporters: Leslie L. Howeth - Elk City Chapter

Sentinels: Stanley Lewis - Fredonia Chapter



11. Awards, Harold Shoaf, Assistant Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture
12. Close

Host Chapter will look after local arrangements such as: Welcome from Superintendent or Principal, meeting place, arrangements for eats, FFA paraphernalia, etc.

The following rankings will be of interest to all FFA members and advisors who attended a Leadership School and should prove of interest to all Future Farmer members.

The high 20 individuals in the State in the FFA Information Contest

1st	Larry Marken, Seaman Chapter	100 points
2nd	Dale Neds, Altoona Chapter	99 points
2nd	Claude Crawshaw, Altoona Chapter	99 points
2nd	Gary Fleenor, Seaman Chapter	99 points
5th	Steve Reynolds, Fredonia Chapter	98 points
5th	George Probasco, Stockton Chapter	98 points
5th	Darrell Priddy, Seaman Chapter	98 points
5th	Roger Aberle, Sabetha Chapter	98 points
9th	Stanley Bartel, Goessel Chapter	97 points
9th	Edward Neds, Altoona Chapter	97 points
9th	Larry Richardson, Altamont Chapter	97 points
9th	Danny Smith, Altamont Chapter	97 points
9th	Robert Schneider, Ottawa Chapter	97 points
14th	Richard Fobes, Beloit Chapter	96 points
14th	Gary Learned, Arkansas City Chapter	96 points
14th	Melvin Hunt, Tribune Chapter	96 points
14th	Darrell Howerton, Neodesha Chapter	96 points
14th	Jim Callarman, Altoona Chapter	96 points
14th	Bob Martin, Herington Chapter	96 points
14th	Donald Will, Herington Chapter	96 points



Total possible points in the 1959 Information Contest equalled 100. From the individual scores listed, it is evident that the FFA Leadership School is attaining the second purpose listed.

The high 21 chapters in the State in the FFA Information Contest

1st	Altoona Chapter, John Davis, Advisor	569 points
2nd	Chanute Chapter, Chas. O. Carter, Advisor	561 points
3rd	Altamont Chapter, Norman Haigh & Courtney Bennett, Advisors	559 points
3rd	Fredonia Chapter, Stanley Lewis, Advisor	559 points
5th	Sabetha Chapter, Raymond F. Hackler, Advisor	555 points
6th	Arkansas City Chapter, Harold Van Cleave, Advisor	546 points
7th	Seaman Chapter, Marvin Smith, Advisor	543 points
8th	McPherson Chapter, Richard Ramsdale, Advisor	541 points
9th	Goessel Chapter, Nelson Galle, Advisor	536 points
10th	Neodesha Chapter, Wayne O. Coltrain, Advisor	532 points
10th	Herington Chapter, Darrel Mounkes, Advisor	532 points
12th	Longford Chapter, Eugene Walker, Advisor	527 points

13th	Stockton Chapter, Floyd A. Blauer, Advisor	524 points
14th	Williamsburg Chapter, Earl Anderson, Advisor	521 points
15th	Long Island Chapter, Harold Severance, Advisor	515 points
16th	Alma Chapter, James J. Marstall, Advisor	514 points
17th	Frankfort Chapter, Ralph Kenworthy, Advisor	510 points
18th	Effingham Chapter, Roy F. Eck, Advisor	509 points
18th	Waterville Chapter, Willis Ringen, Advisor	509 points
20th	Ellsworth Chapter, Lester Crandall, Advisor	508 points
20th	Riverton, Chapter, Gilbert Arnold, Advisor	508 points

RANKINGS BY DISTRICTS

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest - BELOIT

Richard Fobes, Beloit Chapter	96 points
Bud Motes, Simpson Chapter	92 points
Bill Shaffer, Simpson Chapter	90 points
Ronnie Stanley, Lebanon Chapter	90 points
Douglas Rotman, Downs Chapter	90 points
Lynn Yocum, Beloit Chapter	90 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Beloit Chapter	507 points
Osborne Chapter	468 points
Simpson Chapter	462 points
Lebanon Chapter	458 points
Scandia Chapter	456 points

Ritual Contest

- Downs Chapter
- Beloit Chapter
- Simpson Chapter
- Smith Center Chapter

Master Ritual Team

- President - Bob Motes, Simpson Chapter
- Vice-president - Karel Barry, Smith Center Chapter
- Secretary - Boyd Beardslee, Lebanon Chapter
- Treasurer - Lyman Miller, Smith Center Chapter
- Reporter - David Snyder, Beloit Chapter
- Sentinel - Eddie Holman, Beverly Chapter



BUHLERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Stanley Bartel, Goessel Chapter	97 points
Harold Shrag, McPherson Chapter	94 points
Darrell Krehbeil, McPherson Chapter	93 points
Floyd Vath, Goessel Chapter	93 points
Keith Guthria, Peabody Chapter	93 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

McPherson Chapter	541 points
Goessel Chapter	536 points
Ellsworth Chapter	508 points
Salina Chapter	497 points
Hillsboro Chapter	495 points
Peabody Chapter	492 points

Ritual Contest

Great Bend Chapter
Partridge Chapter
Ellsworth Chapter
Newton Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Gary Foster, Great Bend Chapter
Vice-president - David Warnken, Partridge Chapter
Secretary - Junior Schraepel, Claflin Chapter
Treasurer - Richard French, Partridge Chapter
Reporter - Lyle Prior, Partridge Chapter
Sentinel - Lloyd Prochaska, Ellsworth Chapter

CHANUTEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Dale Neds, Altoona Chapter	99 points
Claude Crawshaw, Altoona Chapter	99 points
Steve Reynolds, Fredonia Chapter	98 points
Edward Neds, Altoona Chapter	97 points
Larry Richardson, Altamont Chapter	97 points
Danny Smith, Altamont Chapter	97 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Altoona Chapter	569 points
Chanute Chapter	561 points
Altamont Chapter	559 points
Fredonia Chapter	559 points
Neodesha Chapter	532 points
Riverton Chapter	508 points

Ritual Contest

Altamont Chapter
Chanute Chapter
Neodesha Chapter
Caney Chapter
Fort Scott Chapter
Fredonia Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Bill Triplett, Chanute Chapter
Vice-president - Glen Gillmore, Neodesha Chapter
Secretary - Danny Smith, Altamont and Carl Carter, Fort Scott Chapter
Treasurer - Bill Taylor, Chanute Chapter
Reporter - Ronnie Eaton, Fredonia Chapter
Sentinel - Dale Neds, Altoona Chapter and Lester Bowman, Altamont Chapter

CLAY CENTERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Fred Heigele, Longford Chapter	94 points
Phillip Benfer, Longford Chapter	94 points
Chuck Munson, Chapman Chapter	94 points
Stuart McCready, Longford Chapter	93 points
Larry Emig, Solomon Chapter	93 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Longford Chapter	527 points
Clay Center Chapter	490 points
Chapman Chapter	489 points
Manhattan Chapter	486 points
Solomon Chapter	466 points

Ritual Contest

Longford Chapter
 Manhattan Chapter
 Chapman Chapter
 Clay Center Chapter
 Riley Co. Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Terry Manz, Chapman Chapter
 Vice-president - Vincent Miller, Manhattan Chapter
 Secretary - Gary Ingalsbe, Manhattan Chapter
 Treasurer - Gary Gfeller, Chapman Chapter
 Reporter - Ernest Koenig, Manhattan Chapter
 Sentinel - Max Wagner, Chapman Chapter

DODGE CITYHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Melvin Hunt - Tribune Chapter	96 points
Harry Lightner, Garden City Chapter	93 points
Seth Kuehn, Bazine Chapter	92 points
Richard Hoffman, Lakin Chapter	89 points
Delbert Martin, Tribune Chapter	89 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Garden City Chapter	507 points
Tribune Chapter	496 points
Ford Chapter	481 points
Lakin Chapter	459 points
Bazine Chapter	458 points

Ritual Contest

Tribune Chapter
 Ford Chapter
 Garden City Chapter
 Lakin Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Melvin Hunt, Tribune Chapter
 Vice-president - D. Hoyt, Ford Chapter



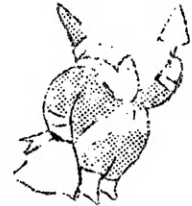
Secretary - Jim Nishida, Lakin Chapter
 Treasurer - Dale Johnson, Tribune Chapter
 Reporter - Ronald Sanko, Spearville Chapter
 Sentinel - Henry Fuhrman, Fowler Chapter



EMPORIA

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Bob Martin, Herington Chapter	96 points
Donald Will, Herington Chapter	96 points
Larry Blomenkemp, Herington Chapter	92 points
Calvin Halenstin, Alma Chapter	91 points
Pete Weber, Burns Chapter	91 points
Eldon Mickelson, Lyndon Chapter	91 points



High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Herington Chapter	532 points
Alma Chapter	514 points
Lebo Chapter	506 points
Lyndon Chapter	503 points
Emporia Chapter	491 points



Ritual Contest

Herington Chapter
 Lebo Chapter
 Cottonwood Falls Chapter
 Council Grove Chapter



Master Ritual Team

President - Calvin Halenstine, Alma Chapter
 Vice-president - Donald Will, Herington Chapter
 Secretary, Jim Kahle, Council Grove Chapter
 Treasurer - Kenneth Biehler, Herington Chapter
 Reporter - Gary Busboon, Lebo Chapter
 Sentinel - Dickie Brown, Cottonwood Falls Chapter



"He that is good for making excuses, is seldom good for anything else." --
 Franklin



HARPERHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Gary Learned, Arkansas City Chapter	96 points
Bill Brewer, Arkansas City Chapter	95 points
Don Williams, Udall Chapter	94 points
Steve Stucky, Kingman Chapter	93 points
Darrell Gottlob, Arkansas City Chapter	92 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Arkansas City Chapter	546 points
Pretty Prairie Chapter	497 points
Oxford Chapter	435 points
Attica Chapter	431 points
Udall Chapter	427 points

Ritual Contest

Oxford Chapter
 Arkansas City Chapter
 Pretty Prairie Chapter
 Winfield Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Jim Scott, Winfield Chapter
 Vice-president - Kenneth Graber, Pretty Prairie Chapter
 Secretary - Darrell Gottlob, Arkansas City Chapter
 Treasurer - Ray Savzek, Oxford Chapter
 Reporter - Kenneth Thomas, Oxford Chapter
 Sentinel - Bill Brewer, Arkansas City Chapter

HOLTONHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Roger Aberle, Sabetha Chapter	98 points
Monte Carpenter, Sabetha Chapter	95 points
Don Mishler, Sabetha Chapter	95 points
Jerry Cox, Sabetha Chapter	94 points
Eldon Sedlacek, Waterville Chapter	94 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

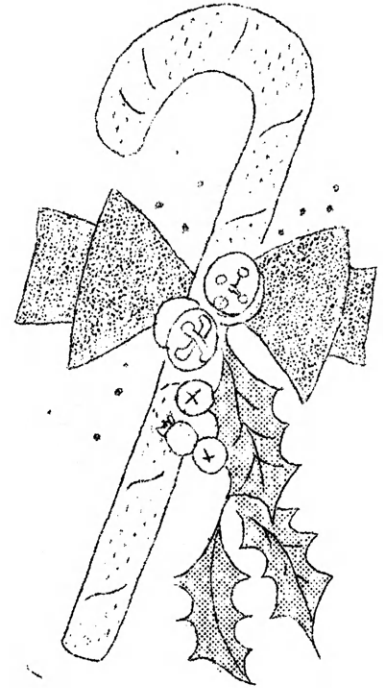
Sabetha Chapter	555 points
Frankfort Chapter	510 points
Effingham Chapter	509 points
Waterville Chapter	509 points
Wamego Chapter	477 points

Ritual Contest

Wamego Chapter
Sabetha Chapter
Waterville Chapter
Powhattan Chapter
Meriden Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Bob Blaser, Waterville Chapter
Vice-president - Jim Kientz, Wamego Chapter
Secretary - Clark Talley, Wetmore Chapter
Treasurer - Howard Kenworthy, Frankfort Chapter
Reporter - Cliff Shinski, Wamego Chapter
Sentinel - Roger Aberle, Sabetha Chapter

LAWRENCEHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

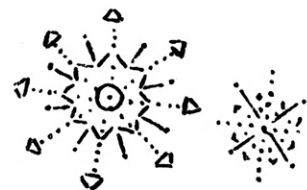
Larry Marken, Seaman Chapter	100 points
Gary Fleenor, Seaman Chapter	99 points
Darrel Priddy, Seaman Chapter	98 points
Robert Schneider, Ottawa Chapter	97 points
George Teagarden, LaCygne Chapter	94 points
Robert Browning, Seaman Chapter	94 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Seaman Chapter	543 points
Williamsburg Chapter	521 points
Lawrence Chapter	507 points
LaCygne Chapter	505 points
Silver Lake Chapter	484 points

Ritual Contest

Highland Park Chapter
 Seaman Chapter
 Garnett Chapter
 Lawrence Chapter
 Shawnee-Mission Chapter



Master Ritual Team

President - David Barkley, Highland Park Chapter
 Vice-president - Gene Raymond, Garnett Chapter
 Secretary - Dennis Mitchell, Lawrence Chapter
 Treasurer - Wesley Miller, Garnett Chapter
 Reporter - Dale Hinkle, Garnett Chapter
 Sentinel - Phil Davis, Highland Park Chapter



OBERLIN

High Individuals - FFA Information Contest

Sherlyn Kats, Long Island Chapter	95 points
George Meier, Norton Chapter	94 points
Jim Leach, Bird City Chapter	92 points
Clifford Van Kooten, Long Island Chapter	92 points
Clair Munyon, Bird City Chapter	90 points



High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

Long Island Chapter	515 points
Bird City Chapter	494 points
Norton Chapter	494 points
Almena Chapter	479 points



Ritual Contest

Oberlin Chapter
 Goodland Chapter
 Norton Chapter
 McDonald Chapter



"No man ever became great or good except through many and great mistakes." -
 --- Gladstone

Master Ritual Team

President - Bill Machart, Oberlin Chapter
 Vice-president - Gale Burk , Goodland Chapter
 Secretary - Harold Herbel, Colby Chapter
 Treasurer - Allan Laughry, Norton Chapter
 Reporter - Chuck Ihrig, Goodland Chapter
 Sentinel - Marvin Smull, St. Francis Chapter

PALCOHigh Individuals - FFA Information Contest

George Probasco, Stockton Chapter	98 points
Tommy Riffe, Stockton Chapter	92 points
Gary Overly, Stockton Chapter	92 points
Gerald Nayler, Plainville Chapter	92 points
Billy Seaman, Natoma Chapter	89 points

High Chapters - FFA Information Contest

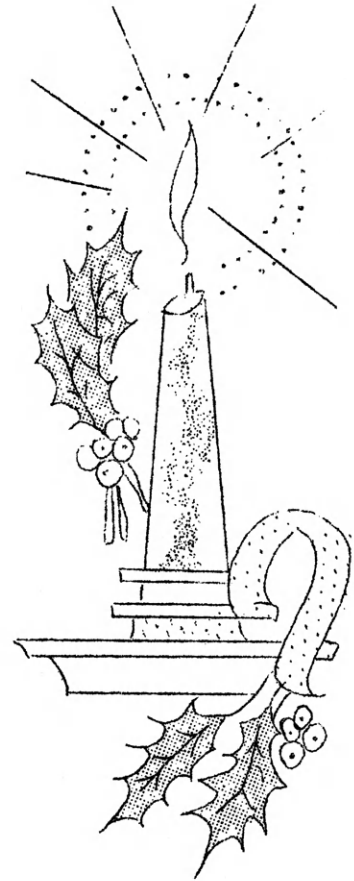
Stockton Chapter	524 points
Wakeeney Chapter	475 points
Natoma Chapter	467 points
Plainville Chapter	441 points
Hill City Chapter	424 points

Ritual Contest

Stockton Chapter
 Natoma Chapter
 Russell Chapter
 Paradise Chapter
 Wakeeney Chapter

Master Ritual Team

President - Roger Heitschmidt, Paradise Chapter
 Vice-president - Earl Goodheart, Russell Chapter
 Secretary - Gary Overly, Stockton Chapter
 Treasurer - Douglas Roha, Russell Chapter
 Reporter - Billy Seaman, Natoma Chapter
 Sentinel - Larry Elaaser, Russell Chapter



Leadership Schools	Total High 5 Chapters	Average High 5 Chapters	Highest Chapter Score	Total High 5 Boys	Average High 5 Boys	Highest Individual Score
Chanute	2780	556	569	490	98	99
Buhler	2577	515	541	470	94	97
Holton	2560	512	555	476	95	98
Lawrence	2560	512	543	488	98	100
Emporia	2546	509	532	466	93	96
Clay Center	2458	492	527	468	94	94
Oberlin	2413	483	515	463	93	95
Dodge City	2401	480	507	459	92	96
Beloit	2351	470	507	458	92	96
Harper	2336	467	546	470	94	96
Palco	2331	466	524	463	93	98

The following FFA members contributed to the success of the District FFA Leadership Schools by reciting the FFA Creed:

Wayne Anschutz, Russell Chapter
 William Rikoff, Colby Chapter
 Mike Saxton, Wetmore Chapter
 Curtis Berkey, Rossville Chapter
 Roger Hornbaker, Stafford Chapter
 Eddie Graber, Kingman Chapter
 William Bauck, Leoti Chapter
 Howie Neff, Alma Chapter
 John Stitt, Caney Chapter
 Robert King, Glasco Chapter
 Bruce Campbell, Miltonvale Chapter



As a person's knowledge of the Future Farmers of America increases, his respect for the organization also grows. FFA officers and advisors are often not adequately informed concerning the FFA. Performance of the opening and closing ritual, constitute a "show window" of the FFA organization. It is important that all performances be on a high standard.

At the 1959 Leadership Schools, a part of the program consisted of the respective officer groups, meeting separately, and discussing their problems under the direction of advisors who had prepared materials for these meetings.

Most of the FFA advisors did a find job in coaching their members who were scheduled for parts in the District Schools. A satisfactory standard can be maintained only by cooperation on the part of the local FFA advisor in selecting assignments, and in preparing individuals and teams for superior presentation of assignments. One of the purposes of the Leadership School is to stimulate each officer to perform on a high plane the duties and responsibilities of his office. The State Office staff wish to express their appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced in each of the eleven districts in which FFA Leadership Schools were held.

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FFA CHAPTER EXHIBITS AT 1959 FAIRS

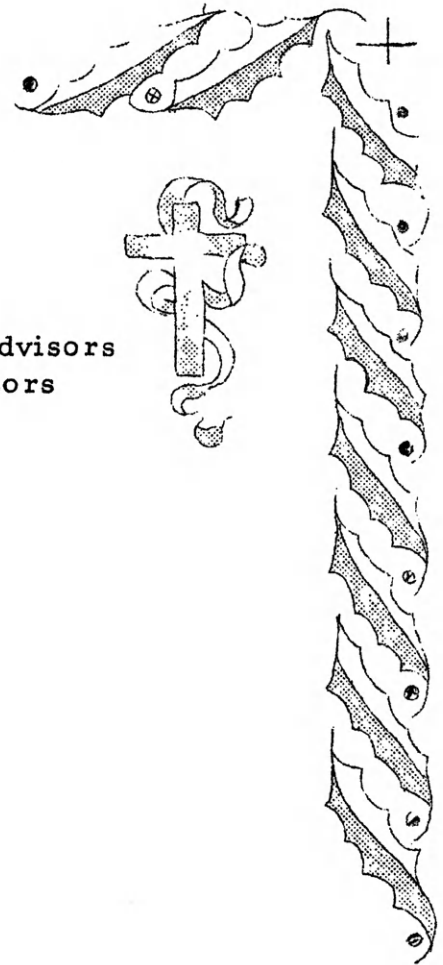
FFA exhibits at both the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka and the State Fair at Hutchinson attracted wide and favorable attention. The following rankings were given the competing chapters:

At the Kansas Mid-America Fair, Topeka

Chapter Booth Exhibits-Placings Follow:

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1st- Seaman | Marvin Smith, Advisor
Theme: "Which Key to Cattle Profit" |
| 2nd- Burlingame | Richard Weiser, Advisor
Theme: "Don't Sell Sheep Short" |
| 3rd- Lawrence | Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach, advisors
Theme: "Pellets for Profit" |
| 4th- Sabetha | Raymond F. Hackler, advisor
Theme: "Deferred Full Feeding" |
| 5th- Atchison Co. | Roy F. Eck, advisor
Theme: "Cooperatives" |
| 6th- Berryton | Thomas Morris, advisor
Theme: "Thieves in the Soil" |
| 7th- Highland Park | Don Brock, advisor
Theme: "Hidden Enemies" |

- 8th- Holton Harold Gentry, advisor
Theme: "Heel Flies Reduce Cattle Profits"
- 9th- Alma James J. Marstall, advisor
Theme: "Safety Makes Sense"
- 10th- Erie Gordon Nelson, advisor
Theme: "Co-op Cow Pool"



Farm Mechanics Exhibits:

- 1st-Powhattan, Melvin L. Casey, advisor
- 2nd- Altamont, Courtney Bennett and Norman Haigh, advisors
- 3rd- Lawrence, Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach, advisors
- 4th- Erie, Gordon Nelson, advisor
- 5th- Burlingame, Richard Weiser, advisor
- 6th- Highland, Lowell Burchett, advisor
- 7th- Osage City, Kenneth F. Kern, advisor
- 8th- Altoona, John Davis, advisor
- 9th- Randolph, Robert Stephens, advisor
- 10th- Marion, Richard Cranston, advisor

Farm Mechanics Exhibits, Individuals

- 1st - Powhattan, - - - Two-wheel feed wagon
- 2nd - Altamont, Wagon bed
- 3rd - Osage City, Squeeze chute
- 4th - Altamont, Farrowing crate
- 5th - Erie, Hay feeder
- 6th - Powhattan, 4-row planter
- 7th - Lawrence, Carry-all
- 8th - Burlingame, Mineral feeder
- 9th - Seaman, Stock rack
- 10th - Randolph, Bale elevator with engine

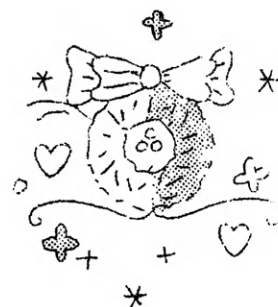
STATE FFA MEATS CONTEST-WICHITA

Top ten teams:

		<u>Score</u>
1st	Beloit, Earl Baugher, advisor	1185
2nd	Herington, Darrel Mounkes, advisor	1119
3rd	Lawrence, Roy Cropp & Walter Gehlbach	1107
4th	Eskridge, Terry Fanning, advisor	1100
5th	Cherryvale, C.H. Young, advisor	1072
6th	Winfield, John Lowe and Lewis Eggenberger	1057
7th	Caney, Ralph Field, advisor	1033
8th	Mulvane, Francis Shoup, advisor	993
9th	Kinsley, Donald Elson, advisor	978
10th	Peabody, John Denyer, advisor	950

High Individuals

1st	Tom Campbell	Beloit Chapter	415
2nd	George Smith	Cherryvale Chapter	411
3rd	Donald Will	Herington Chapter	401
4th	Ron Brink	Lawrence Chapter	395
5th	David Snyder	Beloit Chapter	387
6th	Max McGaughey	Beloit Chapter	382
7th	Jim Phillips	Caney Chapter	381
8th	Charles Eastman	Eskridge Chapter	379
9th	Larry Hittle	Winfield Chapter	377
10th	Leland Barber	Eskridge Chapter	376

At the Kansas State Fair, HutchinsonFarm Mechanics Exhibits:

1st	Salina, William D. Smith, advisor
2nd	Hillsboro, Truman Diener, advisor
3rd	Lawrence, Roy Cropp and Walter Gehlbach, advisors
4th	Peabody, John Denyer, advisor
5th	Goessel, Nelson Galle, advisor
6th	Buhler, J. A. Johnson, advisor
7th	Bazine, Edw. F. Brenner, advisor
8th	McPherson, Richard Ramsdale, advisor
9th	Ellinwood, John J. Cragun, advisor
10th	Haven, Glen Schulthess, advisor

Individuals

1st	Bale elevator, Lloyd Voth, Goessel Chapter
2nd	Machinery carrier, Lawrence Pinner, Hillsboro Chapter
3rd	Manure scoop, Gerald Stucky, Peabody Chapter
4th	Stock squeeze, Ron Brink, Lawrence Chapter
5th	Portable bale elevator, Gary Muller, Ellinwood Chapter
6th	Deep tillage plow, Alan Janke, Bazine Chapter
7th	Feed wagon (self unloading), Eldon Tillage, Salina Chapter
8th	Wagon bed, Kenny Davidson, McCune Chapter
9th	Rotary cutter, Sophmore group, Buhler Chapter
10th	Portable hay bunk, Marion Bontrager, Haven Chapter

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"He who has no inclination to learn more will be very apt to think that he knows enough." - Powell

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
PHOTOGRAPHS

The National FFA Office has a list of 73 photographs which were taken at the 1959 National FFA Convention and at the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. The following might be of special interest to Kansas FFA members:

1. 1959-60 National Officers--group photo.
2. Senator Carlson extending greetings (Adin Hester and James H. Pearson also appear in photo.)
3. Honorary American Farmers--Voc teachers in line on stage.
4. National FFA Band on stage.
5. National FFA Chorus singing (close-up shot picturing only part of group.)
6. Talent Show--Buddy Lawrence and Clarence Walker.

If you are interested in obtaining one or more of the above pictures or pictures of other happenings at the National Convention, write to Dr. W. T. Spanton, Agricultural Education Branch, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, 25, D. C.

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"Method is like packing things in a box; a good packer will get in half as much again as a bad one."- - -Cecil

NOTE FROM BAND DIRECTOR

Dr. Henry S. Brenner, director of the National FFA Band in 1959 sends the following note from his office. "We sincerely appreciated the help of teachers of Agriculture as well as the teachers of music in the schools from which the band boys came.

If the boys had not been prepared for the work or had not been of the right caliber as gentlemen, we could have done nothing. . . . It is not in my place to say the band was successful, except as my judgment may be based upon the expressions and the reactions of the boys themselves. I am happy to say that those reactions indicated satisfying accomplishment."

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STATE OFFICERS AVAILABLE
FOR
BANQUET APPEARANCES

Each of our present state FFA officers would appreciate attending special chapter meetings to help promote the FFA program. Since most of them are now attending college, their time is somewhat limited, but each would like to gain the experience of visiting and speaking at your meetings. If you desire to invite one of these young men, write to Steven Robb, 1431 Leavenworth, Manhattan, Kansas, who will schedule the officer that you ask for, or he will designate another officer whose work load may be lighter. A request for an officer may also be mailed to the State FFA office.

PLANS FOR STATE
FFA
SPEECH CONTEST

The recommendations of the FFA delegate committee and the Vocational Agriculture instructors were considered in arriving at the following plan for selecting members to compete in the state FFA Public Speaking contest in 1960. Each KVAA district may enter a minimum of one contestant from Junior-Senior division; a maximum of five. However, when less than 15 are entered in the Jr. - Sr. division in the district speech contest, the district is eligible to enter only one-third of the number that competes in the district. State contestants must have been in the upper 1/3 in the district competition.

Small FFA Foundation cash awards shall be awarded to each contestant that is eligible to compete in the State FFA speech contest.

The State contest will be open only to boys less than 21 years of age, who are regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture during the current calendar year, or who are still in high school, but have completed all the vocational agriculture offered. The contestants must be active members of FFA chapters in good standing with the State

may be found in the February 1, 1960 issue of THE KANSAS FUTURE FARMER.

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PLAN NOW FOR FFA WEEK

FFA members in Kansas have been taking an increasingly active part in promoting FFA through activities during FFA Week. The state office has various mimeographed materials which are available for chapter use. These materials, however, are the same that were used last year. The Future Farmer Supply at Alexandria, Virginia has a "Standard Package" of materials for FFA Week which cost \$2.50. This package contains 10 posters (5 of each kind), 24 window stickers, 400 seals, 10 FFA Week booklets, and an assortment of five maps. The above items may be purchased separately, but the whole group would cost \$3.00 if they are not purchased in the package.

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Available and Valuable FFA Awards

Many awards are available to Kansas FFA members for accomplishments during 1959-60. FFA members should examine the requirements for each of these awards and plan now to submit applications for these awards.

The National FFA Foundation, Inc. and the Kansas Association of FFA will have available approximately \$2,500 to be used for the following awards in 1960. (All applications, except Star Farmer, due in State Office Mar. 1)

State Star Farmer Award:

The State Star Farmer in 1960 will win a \$200 cash award. In addition to the State Star Farmer award, District Star Farmers will be selected and will win \$50 each. These awards are open to members who file their applications for the State Farmer Degree. The candidate does not need to indicate that he is an applicant for the Star Farmer awards. State Farmer applications are due in the State FFA Office on February 1.

Farm Mechanics Award:

The state winner in Farm Mechanics will receive \$100. The six receiving district winners will each receive \$50. These awards will be granted on the basis of the most practical and economic use of farm mechanics in connection with supervised farming programs and in the farm shop.

Farm Electrification Award:

\$100 award to the FFA member who has achieved the most in making practical and economic use of electricity in connection with productive

supervised farming activities on his home farm or in his farmhouse. Six district winners will each receive \$25.

Dairy Farming Award:

First-place winner in the state in Dairy Farming will receive \$100. The award will be based on efficiency of production, state of development of the dairy operation and on evidence of practical operation and use of improved practices. Six district winners will each receive \$25.

Soil and Water Management Award.

The state winner in Soil and Water Management will receive \$100. Each of the six district winners will receive \$25. This award takes into consideration, practices performed by the student, equipment he has constructed and his inventory of equipment.

Farm Safety Award:

The top chapter in safety activities will receive \$100. Each of the six district winners will receive \$25. In addition to these awards the Kansas Farm Bureau will be granting some outstanding awards.

Public Speaking Contest:

First-place speaker in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest will receive \$100. Second-place \$50. and third \$25. In addition cash awards will be awarded to the top speakers in the senior division of each of the district FFA speech contests.

Swine Production Award:

~~The top~~ **top** voc. ag. student in Kansas in swine production as indicated by his application will receive \$100. Each of the six district winners will receive \$25.

Beef Production Award:

\$100 will be awarded to the top vocational agriculture student in beef production and \$25. will be awarded to each of the six district winners.

American Farmer Award:

Each Kansas FFA member who is approved for the American Farmer Degree will receive a \$75 award provided he attends the National FFA Convention to receive the degree in person. This award is available only to members who hold the State Farmer Degree and have been out of school at least one year. Based on the present FFA membership in Kansas, the state is allowed seven American Farmer Degrees each year. Applications are due in the State FFA Office by May 1.

National FFA Foundation Medals:

Medals are available for each chapter winner in Public Speaking, Star Farmer, Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety, and Star Green Hand.

Check eligibilities on application outlines. Most of the above awards require that an applicant be enrolled in voc. ag. Application outlines for each of the above awards were mailed to each chapter in 1957. If your chapter needs an additional outline for anyone of the above areas or for all of them, send request to the State FFA Office in Topeka.

Each state winner in Farm Mechanics, Farm Electrification, Dairy Farming, Soil and Water Management and Farm Safety shall submit his application to the National Office to be considered for regional awards.

SEARS RANGE EWE PROGRAM

It will soon be time to make the selection for the seven FFA boys to participate in the Sears Foundation Sheep Program for 1960. If you have a freshman or sophomore boy whom you feel would make a good candidate, please send his name to: M. O. Castle, State Board for Vocational Education, State Office Building, Topeka, not later than January 1, 1960.

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Excerpts from
THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL-
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Wm. Paul Gray

Each year, we pause at our National FFA Convention to review briefly the record of accomplishments of our organization. Our membership increased last year, and our records of accomplishments in rural leadership and farming continued to be very satisfactory. We must recognize that the progress made over the past year has been due to the work done by FFA members, teachers of vocational agriculture, State staffs in agricultural education, and the members of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We appreciate the helpful assistance that has been given to the FFA by our many friends in other organizations and from the field of business and industry.

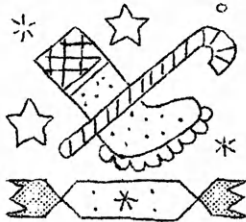
Officer Travel

Your National FFA Officers have rendered outstanding service to the national FFA organization during the past year. The farming programs of these young men have made it difficult

for them to be away from the farm during the year. The only reimbursement they have received from the national organization is their travel expense. You will be pleased by their reports. It has been my privilege to observe them in action working for you.

State Conventions

Reports from State associations indicated that all associations held State conventions. We were successful in having a national FFA officer attend 49 of these conventions. Reports are encouraging that State associations are continuing to improve their conventions through better planning, balanced convention programs, leadership training and special recognition to foundation donors.



Leadership Training

During the year, 47 State Associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 50,000 members from over 6,000 chapters attended these schools. Your national officers have planned the first National Leadership Training Conference, which was held in Washington, D. C. This activity should aid the State Associations in providing better training in leadership in years ahead and give a broader understanding of the national organization. A total of 16 States operated State camps, where leadership training was emphasized.



Public Relations Tour

The National Officers journeyed to 19 major cities in 10 states, visiting donors to the National FFA Foundation. The tour extended to the New England States and also west to St. Louis for the first time. The friendly, sincere attitude, plus the excellent qualities of leadership helped your national officers win many friends to the FFA this year.

National Chapter Award Program

A review of the 128 reports submitted this year reveals a continued interest in and recognition of this important phase of our FFA program. With a new plaque awaiting those chapters which are rated Superior next year, we anticipate increased chapter participation with greater achievements in the Chapter Program of Activities. Such programs need to be more challenging and adapted to the changing trends in agriculture and the needs of individual of individual FFA members.

National FFA Building

The new FFA Building has been completed, occupied, and is buzzing with activity. The grounds to the building have been landscaped, a flagpole memorial erected, and a new road built. You will benefit by the excellent service the staffs of the Future Farmers Supply Service and The National Future Farmer Magazine will be able to give you.

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation was organized in 1944. During the first year twelve companies and individuals became donors. In fifteen years the Foundation has grown to more than 300 donors, who make annual contributions. This money is used to finance an award program so that outstanding FFA members may be recognized for their accomplishments in vocational agriculture and FFA activities. Members work and study harder because of these incentive awards. There are many representatives from these donors to the Foundation at our convention and these men were platform guests during the Wednesday evening session.

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Future Farmers Supply Service

The Future Farmers Supply Service is continuing to expand its operation and service. It is making an effort to reach more members at State association conventions. It's trade mark of "service" is not only approved but is within the reach of all FFA members.

National Future Farmer Magazine

The National Future Farmer Magazine continues to grow. One hundred per cent of the membership in many States support the magazine through subscriptions. Your loyalty is to be congratulated and be assured it is reflected in continued greater support by our advertisers. Let us look forward to the day when every FFA member subscribes to the magazine. We are proud of the high

quality of our magazine. It is doing an excellent job in public relations and its purpose to the FFA.

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Official FFA Calendar

Progress is quite satisfactory in promotional work on the Official FFA Calendar. Mr. Howard Carter is working in an untiring manner to further develop this important FFA promotional activity. Chapters who have worked with this activity find it is an excellent means for fund raising. We look to the future with confidence when all chapters will benefit through this public relations and promotional activity.

George Washington Grist Mill

The George Washington Grist Mill which is located on property adjacent to the New FFA Building is leased from the State of Virginia and is kept open to the public in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Economic Development. A caretaker is kept on duty, the property has been improved the past three years.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1959, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. Organization

Total number chartered active local chapters..... 8,898
 Total active membership in chartered chapters..... 381,621

B. Membership Distribution and Status

Total number of Honorary Chapter Farmers elected during the year. 21,689
 Total number of Honorary State Farmers elected during the year.... 1,583

C. Participation in the National Program of Work - Selected Items

1. Supervised Farming

Number of chapters engaged in organized activities designed
 to promote livestock loss prevention..... 5,879
 Number of chapters that conducted tours of FFA members
 farming programs..... 5,887

2. Cooperation

Number of members who were provided experience in local
 chapter:

- a. Livestock cooperative activities..... 97,263
- b. Crop cooperative activities..... 114,912

Number of chapters that provided cooperative activities that
 involved group planning, group financing and group participation. 7,258

3. Community Service

Number of members completing home beautification or
 improvement projects..... 139,091
 Number of chapters that conducted a safety campaign..... 4,542
 Number of State Associations having a safety program in
 operation..... 45
 Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work.... 6,086

4. Leadership

Number of members who participated in a public speaking contest. 61,291
 Number of chapters that held a public speaking contest..... 4,739
 Number of chapters participating in a parliamentary procedure
 contest, above the chapter level..... 4,677
 Number of State Associations providing leadership training
 schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.. 47
 Number of members participating in leadership training schools
 or conferences..... 50,562

Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	6,027
Number of chapters within the State visited by State boy officers during the past year.....	3,844
5. Earnings and Savings	
Number of chapters that prepared a budget.....	6,714
Number of chapters that earned enough money to finance chapter activities.....	7,718
6. Conduct of Meetings	
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	7,421
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	50
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing ceremonies for regular meetings.....	8,047
Number of chapters using official degree ceremonies.....	7,460
Number of chapters holding regular meetings at least once per month during school term.....	7,926
Number of chapters that had an executive committee that met at least once per month during the school year and once during the summer.....	5,973
Number of chapters that arranged with school administrators for a satisfactory time for chapter activities.....	7,254
7. Scholarship	
Number of chapters that conducted activities specifically designed to stimulate members to improve their scholarship....	6,884
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more FFA books.....	7,824
8. Recreation	
Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation for its members.....	6,985
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	16
Number of members attending State camps.....	18,675
Number of chapters represented at State camps.....	2,211
Number of chapters conducting an educational tour.....	6,491
Number of chapters conducting an organized social activity.....	7,031
9. Public Relations	
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly.....	5,989

Number of chapters that have participated in one or more radio programs.....	2,929
Number of chapters that participated in one or more TV programs	1,224
Number of chapters preparing educational or promotional exhibits for public display.....	5,660
Number of chapters presenting one or more programs to a civic club or other organizations.....	4,471
Number of chapters presenting high school assembly programs	3,459
Number of chapters conducting a parent-son banquet	6,037
Number of State Associations conducting a good-will tour of State officers to promote the FFA program	26

D. Participation in State and National Activities

Number of chapters submitting applications for one or more candidates for the State Farmer Degree.....	4,592
Number of chapters nominating candidates for the American Farmer Degree.....	301
Number of members participating in judging contests sponsored or supervised by the State Association.....	32,535
Number of chapters that participated in FFA Week.....	7,067
Number of members attending last National FFA Convention.....	13,141
Number of chapters represented at last National FFA Convention.....	2,520

E. Collegiate Chapters

Number of FFA Collegiate Chapters.....	40
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters.....	2,060

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

In 1957 you were challenged to increase the membership in the FFA of farm boys who were studying vocational agriculture, but who did not belong to the FFA. You were asked to encourage other farm boys who have completed vocational agriculture to continue their membership in the FFA. You have accepted this challenge and shown results.

The National Future Farmer Magazine and the Official FFA Calendar have been values to the organization. May we accept the challenge of 100% support by FFA members to get the name of FFA before the public, develop a better relationship between the FFA and others, to earn money for the chapter and State Association and to inform the public about vocational agriculture and the FFA.

We look to the future with confidence because the accomplishments of the organization in the past have continued to improve each year and prove that great things can be expected where high goals are set and members work hard to accomplish these objectives. Let us work with our fellow members, parents, teachers, school, community, and State Associations for a greater FFA.

I wish to express my appreciation to the national officers for their understanding and spirit of cooperation and assistance. I also wish to thank the National Board of Directors, State Advisors, Executive Secretaries, and to our office force for their valuable assistance.

Join me in looking to the future with confidence for a greater FFA.



CHAPTER NEWS

STAFFORD: We had our annual Green Hand initiation, which is a steak fry for all members in September. We are now in the process of completing our annual magazine sales to furnish money for our chapter. We plan to take a trip to the Rocky Mountains in Colorado after school is out next spring. Our annual turkey shoot for FFA members only, was held on Nov. 21. We gave away three turkeys. One for the best pattern with the shotgun, one for the best five-shot group with .22 rifles, and one that we chase down in the baseball field for the losers of the other two events. We bought a rifle to send to the farmers of the Skoalbay Andaman Islands. These farmers have cleared two-hundred acres of jungle in small two and three acre patches. About the time their crops are ready to harvest, the deer and wild pigs move in and destroy the crops. We are sending this rifle from the FFA of Stafford to the farmers of these islands to protect their crops.

Dale Richardson, Reporter

SEAMAN: Last May our FFA chapter took an educational trip; going as far as Cheyenne, Wyoming. We visited several feeder calves and hog operations as well as the Wyoming Hereford Ranch. We also visited a sheep operation. We were gone five days. On July 12th our families met with us for a picnic after which we toured the

members' farms and discussed each farming program. During September at the Mid-America Fair we had the following items entered: 1 wooden bunk feeder, 2 barrel feeders, 1 farrowing crate and 1 pair of stock racks. This was in the Farm Mechanics Contest. For our money raising activities we have our football programs and later we will have a Donkey Basketball Game and then will pick up corn. In the last six weeks we have had six boys on the honor roll. This year the chapter has elected eight Green Hands and four Chapter Farmers. Our Community Service consists of having vaccinated 236 head of cattle and hogs, castrated 181 head, dehorned 194 head, and tested 24 milk samples. At present we are selling hog, cattle, and sheep mineral. We are also selling some rat poison. Our Parent and Son Banquet will be held in February. This month we will start our Pest Control Contest.

Richard Skinner, Reporter

LONGFORD: We sold over one hundred dollars worth of fireworks during the past summer to raise money for the chapter----Our gilt ring now consists of three gilts, one sow and a boar. All are purebred Landrace.----Our pest eradication contest is in full swing and will close December 20.....We are going to give a purebred Landrace weaning gilt to the member who has the most

Longford (cont.) accurate and complete record book and notebook this year.... The Sophmore boys attended the Mid-America Fair in Topeka this fall..... Some of the shop projects we are making this year are: a ten foot combination hay and grain feeder, a 10 x 12' calf creep feeder, a 16' feed bunk, two picnic tables, a coffee table and two rotating salt feeders.

Philip Benfer, Reporter

STOCKTON: The chapter met regularly each month during the summer. Thirty-seven FFA members entered 145 exhibits at the Rooks County Fair in August. The chapter won a blue ribbon at the fair on a booth showing the values of grasses....The sophmore Vo-Ag class attended the National FFA Convention. Our annual high school carnival (Goblins Glory) was held October 26. The chapter netted \$757.53. An all school party was sponsored by the FHA and FFA chapters on November 13.....Our parent's night meeting was held November 30.

Donald Maddy, Reporter

PARADISE: We held a watermelon feed on August 21, honoring the incoming freshman agriculture class. On Oct. 2, we held a hayrack ride for the members and their guests. For a money raising project we shocked feed.

Alex Thacker, Reporter

PAOLA: Our chapter has 67 boys. In Sept. we held a watermelon feed for the freshman boys and their parents..... We will put on a T.V. program Dec. 12 on channel 5...The FFA invited the FHA to a hobo party where a king and queen

were crowned.....In shop the FFA boys made a portable concession stand that we use at the football games. 61 boys of our chapter attended the National FFA Convention and also the American Royal.....We have 9 gilts out in the FFA gilt ring.

Norian Thoden, Reporter

LONG ISLAND: We had a swimming party at our August meeting..... In September, we sponsored a hay ride for the high school....The AgIII and IV classes attended the State Fair. We had a "Pest Control Contest" in Oct....Our October meeting consisted of a Fathers' night.....Our November meeting consisted of the "Green Hand" initiation plus other program numbers.....We have 26 active members with 3 in the service----Class projects for community service have included the painting of the school fire escape and making new teeter boards for the grade school.....The gilts from the gilt ring have been selected by Chapter members.....Finances for our Chapter have come from shocking feed and the sale of equipment.

Gary Schemper, Reporter

NORCATUR: This year we have 27 members in our chapter....Our chapter now has four gilts loaned out to FFA members. Despite bad weather the FFA carnival brought in \$225.00 for the chapter....We built a bicycle rack for the grade school....We have castrated and vaccinated 60 pigs, branded 45 steers and dehorned and castrated 10 calves....Many of our FFA members have earned their jackets by selling the Breeder's Gazette and the chapter is to receive \$53.00 for its part

Norcatur: (continued) in the selling campaign.

Kenneth Jackson, Reporter

ELLINWOOD FFA NEWS: Our officers attended the National FFA convention . . . Two of our members, our advisor, and Mr. LeRoy Zahn, a local business man who helped start our gilt ring and is now on the advisory council, went to the state Yorkshire sale at Hutchinson on Oct. 22. . . We put on a TV program concerning artificial insemination at KCKT-TV, our local station, on Oct. 30. . . . We had a duck and pheasant supper for all the FFA members on Nov. 19. All game was furnished by the members. . . . Two KSU students are now doing student teaching work here. Some of the shop projects that we have started are as follows: tandem horse trailer; four-wheel trailer,

Gordon Bieberle, Reporter

ATTICA: We have 29 students enrolled in Vo-Ag. and 31 boys in FFA. We have just completed selling Farm Journal magazines in our area. . . . We are all looking forward to using our new Vo-Ag building which is under construction at the present time. This fall we have transplanted trees on the school grounds.

Dale Wingate, Reporter

ATWOOD: We have 35 members in FFA. . . . To earn money we are buying old combines, which we are dismantling for scrap iron for the FFA chapter. We also sell some of the iron to the members for their projects. . . . We have money to buy four pure-bred gilts to start a gilt ring. We are planning to attend

the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

Joe Mentlick, Reporter

FORD: We have 21 members this year. . . . Johnnie Presnall, our president, attended the fat stock show at Wichita in early October with his three fat lambs. The lambs averaged \$.28 a pound when sold at the fat stock sale. . . . The FFA and pep club sponsored a box supper last month. FFA members furnished the program. . . . On Oct. 13 a Parents' night was held for parents of all new FFA members. The meeting was to acquaint the parents with vocational agriculture and the FFA. . . . Our advisor, Mr. Jones, gave a talk on the aims and purposes of vocational agriculture. After adjourning cider and donuts were served and the film "How to Raise a Boy" was shown. The freshmen organized a Co-Op which they call "The Community Service Co-Op". One hundred pounds of rat bait was purchased cooperatively. The freshmen will distribute it to the farmers as a money raising project. . . . This year the chapter decided to enter a float in the Veteran's Day parade at Bucklin. The theme was "Honoring the new States". The float consisted of a cow with USA letters on her sides and two calves designated as Alaska and Hawaii. Bales of straw were on the back of the trailer on which the FFA members sat. On the sides woven in with gold on blue crepe paper were the words, Grow With U.S. . . . In observance of National Farm-City Week, our chapter presented a special meeting and program at the Moose Lodge in Dodge City. . . . The chapter has printed two editions of their new monthly FFA newsletter. The newsletter is to inform nonmembers and

Ford: (continued) community what the FFA is doing, Work has started on our large concrete block road markers to be placed at each side of town. These signs are to inform people that Ford has an FFA chapter in operation.

Jim Slattery, Reporter

PRETTY PRAIRIE: We have forty-six students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture with fifty FFA members. The officers and our advisor attended the National Convention on Oct. 13. Eight boys led dairy cattle at the Hutchison State Fair for the National Collegiate Dairy Contest. We are running our pest eradication contest from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1. For a fund raising project we are selling subscriptions to "The Farm Quarterly". Each member is asked to sell at least three subscriptions. To help Green Hands interested in swine, the chapter is giving two members a gilt. Several of our shop projects are: 10 combination hay and silage feeders, unloading silage box on an old car, cattle squeeze chute, two loading chutes, hay feeder, and two pickup stock racks. We are having a fun night on Dec. 4. We also plan to have a basketball team this season. On Nov. 19 we had a speaker from the Kansas Fish and Game Department speak to us about "Good Sportsmanship in Hunting."

Bruce Shultz, Reporter

MANHATTAN: Our chapter held two fishing parties this past summer. Eight of our members also took an educational trip. Each member helped share the expense. We traveled through Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska. The irrigation districts of eastern Colorado and Wyoming and Nebraska were observed. We enjoyed mountain

climbing, trout fishing, and the beautiful scenes of the Yellowstone National Park and the Rocky Mountains. Meals were obtained in restaurants and pup tents were used for shelter at nights. . . . The Chapter organized a pest eradication contest which will conclude before Christmas vacation. . . . Our Sophomore boys recently laid a concrete sidewalk in town. We held our watermelon feed in August for prospective new members and their parents. Our parents night was held on Sept. 29. Our officers demonstrated the opening and closing ceremony. Dale Lind, our American Farmer described how he had developed his farming program and our advisor presented standards for and methods of developing the farming programs. Ninety per cent of the beginning members' parents were present. The thirteen FFA members received the Green Hand degree on Oct. 22.

Ernest Koenig, Reporter

ERIE: At the August meeting the chapter had a father-son watermelon feed. In September most of the vocational agriculture students attended the Mid-America Fair in Topeka where the chapter had a farm mechanics display and a chapter booth displaying a cooperative cow pool. The officers attended the National FFA Convention. In October our Green Hands were raised to the Chapter Farmer Degree and the Freshmen to the Green Hand Degree. We held our Barnwarmer on Nov. 21 at which time the FFA sweetheart was crowned.

Eugene McClure, Reporter

PEABODY: We have been busy initiating Green Hands and getting the pest contest into action. We have 36 in our FFA chapter this year

Peabody: (continued) compared to 29 last year. Our chapter started its annual pest contest Nov. 1. The boy with the most points will receive a single-shot rifle. Second prize is three boxes of shotgun shells, and third prize is one box of shotgun shells. . . . We have elected our chapter sweetheart. At our last meeting we also adopted a chapter constitution and discussed setting up a budget for chapter expenditures.

Keith Guthrie, Reporter

OSAGE CITY: During the summer we had a softball team and played several games with other chapters and our dads. The Annual Work Week earned us \$160. The officers attended one day of the American Royal. All the Ag. I parents were present at Parents Night held Oct. 29. Eight Ag. I boys were initiated as Green Hands on Nov. 2. A hamburger fry followed the initiation. The pest eradication contest began Nov. 15 and ends Feb. 1. . . . The Annual Barnwarmer was held Nov. 21 with 60 members and guests present. They enjoyed square dances called by Prof. Paul Stevenson of the Ag. Engineering Dept. at K-State. The Barnwarmer Queen was presented to the group during the evening. . . . Several projects being constructed in shop are: calf self-feeder, hog self-feeder, horse trailer, silage feed bunk, back blade for tractor, 3 loading chutes, 2 squeeze chutes, mounting wheels on a squeeze chute, 5 farm gates, gas barrel stand, D.C. welder, wheels on off-set disc and clothes line posts.

Paul Trueblood, Reporter

PLAINVILLE: We started our years activities with a special recreation meeting for all students and our parents. We have an active FFA membership of 36 and everyone is very much interested in

achieving the challenging program of work which is set up for this year. We have seen several films on safety and conservation in our meetings. . . . We shocked feed for local farms and earned money for the FFA. Plans are being made for a ground hog supper in which we hope to make enough money for our parent-son banquet this spring. The chapter sold the Farm Journal magazine and several boys earned FFA jackets and others purchased different prizes. Our FFA Barnwarmer was held on Friday, Nov. 13. We selected a queen for this event. . . . Officers and the advisor attended the National FFA Convention. We left Sunday morning and returned Tuesday evening.

Gerald Naylor, Reporter

ALTAMONT: Eleven of our FFA boys showed thirty-three Fat Barrows at the Kansas National Junior Livestock Show held at Wichita. They received over \$300 prize money on their entries. On Oct. 17 twenty-one boys and our three advisors attended the American Royal at Kansas City. We held our FFA Barnwarming on Nov. 3rd. We had square and round dancing. We had games such as pie eating contests, sack races, etc. Our FFA Queen was selected at this event. We had our Green hand Initiation Nov. 10th. Thirty-seven boys received their Green Hand pins. We had Ag. I parents night along with our initiation. We are selling Christmas cards for a fund raising activity. Four hundred boxes have already been sold. Our goal is 700. Some of our shop projects include: five large hay feeders, four self-feeders for sheep, two silage bunks, pick-up stock racks, two farrowing crates, and a large creep-feeder for calves.

Darrell Ruttgen, Reporter

LAWRENCE: Last summer five of our chapter members and our advisor attended the first session of the Missouri FFA camp held near the Lake of the Ozarks. These boys said this was the best summer camp they had ever attended and would not miss a chance to go again. Lawrence was one of the out of state guests of Missouri. Our six officers and advisor attended the ground breaking for the Agricultural Hall of Fame, near Bonner Springs. The officers helped carry flags from the different countries. On October 13, our officers had a very full day at the National FFA Convention. Our chapter attended one day of the American Royal. The chapter is now making plans for the annual parent and son banquet. This year for the first time we have selected a Star Green Hand from the chapter.

Loren Anderson, Reporter

ELLSWORTH: On October 1 we held our annual Freshman-Parent Night. The program was open house so the parents could see some of the projects that have been made in our shop. Some of the projects were, a cattle rack, a squeeze chute, a sprayer, a post-hole digger, and a power hacksaw. The initiation of Green Hands was held on Nov. 23. They were installed by the sophomore officers.

James Urbanek, Reporter

NATOMA: We held our annual "Parent Night", on Nov. 2. It was attended by one hundred parents and guests. We had musical entertainment and then our "pot luck" supper. After the supper, our secretary gave a report on the chapter's accomplishments for the past year. The creed was then recited while we showed slides. The freshman class then did the building of the FFA emblem. A film was then shown. We have 31

FFA members, and 29 of them are Voc. Ag. students. In shop we are making the following projects: a trailer for hauling bales, two low implement trailers, a cattle squeeze chute, a combination hay and silage bunk, reflooring and repainting a horse trailer, and several panels for handling livestock.

Bill Seaman, Reporter

GOESSEL: Early in the year, the freshmen were our guests at a watermelon feed. Among the projects that we exhibited at the State Fairs were: a portable bale elevator, a feed rack, an implement carrier, and a power hacksaw. On Oct. 23, fifteen Green Hands were admitted to our chapter, which brought the FFA membership to 45 members. In shop we made some volleyball poles from old tires filled with concrete and pipes. These will be used by the Physical Education classes. As a money-making project, we sold "The Farm" magazine. A goal of selling 75 magazine subscriptions was achieved. Our Pest Eradication Contest is now in progress. At the beginning of the contest, we saw a film on "Stop Rats Forever." We are making a special effort to rid this community of rats. On Nov. 13, we had our annual Parent-Son Banquet, with 150 members, parents, and guests attending.

Roger Duerksen, Reporter

GOODLAND: For our Senior members, the outstanding event each year is the trip taken to our advisor's cabin in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. They also visited three college campuses, two feed lots, an experiment station, and a fish hatchery, during the trip last spring. In cooperation with the experiment station, we planted and harvested the corn test plots located near Goodland. Three of our members won high honors in the essay contest sponsored by the

soil conservation district of northwest Kansas. All members of our chapter were guests of the Lions Club on Nov. 17. We conducted the Green Hand Initiation and built the FFA emblem. In shop work we are overhauling three tractors, building nine fence panels, three stock racks, three trailers, one cattle chute, and one tail blade for a tractor.

Chuck Ihrig, Reporter

BURNS: We had a watermelon feed for our freshmen at the beginning of school. We displayed the Marion County collective fair booth at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka. We also viewed the farm mechanics exhibits and did some judging of beef breeds. On Oct. 17, five boys attended the American Royal with our advisor.

Ray Wilbur, Reporter

OTTAWA: Miss Bonnie England was our candidate for county Dairy Princess. Bonnie's father, J. W. England III is a former State Farmer, winner of state public speaking contest, and was president of the Kansas Association of FFA in 1935. Bonnie's brother, Donald, was a State Farmer in the class of 1957. In August our officers with the advisor went on an overnight trip to the Noel, Missouri, area. Three of our officers attended the National FFA Convention, and fifteen of our members spent a day at the American Royal Livestock Show. We gave a Halloween party for the FHA girls. Our annual FFA crop show was held the last week of October. We have sold 200 boxes of Christmas cards and we are in the process of getting subscriptions to the "Farm Quarterly" magazine. Our pest hunt is in progress and will end January 4.

Douglas Keith, Reporter

WELLSVILLE: Plans are now being made for our annual Barnwarmer Dance to be held in the near future. The dance is held in the shop, and we decorate appropriately. We entered a float in the Wellsville Fair Parade and won first prize. The theme of the float was "Learning To Do." We are making plans for our Pest Control Contest to be held in December. We are now making plans for our annual swimming party in the Baker University pool.

Junior McDaniels, Reporter

CHAPMAN: This year we have a total of 63 members. On Oct. 23 we raised twenty of our Freshmen to the Green Hand Degree. This year twenty members from the two upper classes attended the American Royal at Kansas City. The school provided transportation and each member paid for other expenses. We left Monday morning and returned Tuesday evening. Monday was spent at the Royal. Tuesday we toured General Motors plant and left for home Tuesday noon. We took a farm machinery exhibit to the State Fair at Hutchinson this year. Eight of the upper classmen attended a meats judging school at Salina this year. We held our annual crops show in October. Each member brought in two different crops and these were judged by the two upper classes. We are now making plans for our FFA hayrack ride.

Mark Gfeller, Reporter

HARPER: This fall we are having a turkey shoot for a fund raising activity in our chapter. There are 16 Freshman boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. this year. We are having our Green Hand initiation Dec. 1, in connection with the Dad-Son Chili Supper. We will conduct a pest eradication drive later this fall. We had our annual baled straw

sale at the County Fair this year. We won a blue ribbon on our booth at the County Fair with the theme, "What is Your Weakest Link in the Chain of Crop Production." A Freshman-parent meeting was held in September for the purpose of discussing farming programs. Some of the projects in shop are: calf creep-feeders, clothes line poles, a garden tractor tune-up, and a sheep hay-feeder. The chapter members also sold subscriptions to the "Farm Journal" again this year.

Larry R. Johnson, Reporter

NESS CITY: Charles Pfannensteil, our Sears Scholarship winner last year, is attending Kansas State University. Some of our shop projects include: a grass drill repaired, one grain drill repaired, one combine repaired, four single cylinder engines overhauled, four electric motors cleaned and dried after recent flood, one mower, and one automatic washer. Our team placed fourth in the district Land Judging Contest at Hoxie.

Duane Pember, Reporter

SABETHA: We initiated eight Green Hands last month. We started a pest contest with the Holton Chapter. Losers will hold a fun night and furnish refreshments for the winning chapter. Our chapter owns a popcorn machine, and we sell popcorn at all the home games for our money-making activities. All classes helped in the layout and running of the concrete footings for the visitors bleachers for the football field and the foundation and floor for the concession stand. We have also cut down trees and trimmed trees and brush to improve the football and track facilities.

Phil Bestwick, Reporter

WINFIELD: Our year started with our annual watermelon feed in honor of the freshmen and their parents. Mr. Lowe, our advisor, explained the Voc. Ag. program and FFA. This was followed by slides of members' farming programs and shop jobs. The FFA and FHA members held their annual party Nov. 14. The theme for the party was "Frontier Days." There we crowned a King and Queen. Among our shop projects we are completing a sprayer for use as a community service project. On Nov. 19, we raised 20 freshmen to the Green Hand Degree. Our money-making projects consist of selling small shop equipment and rat poison, operating a Dairy bar, spraying sheep, and dipping potatoes.

Marion Simmons, Reporter

HILLSBORO: There are 46 members in FFA this year. We have 11 Green Hands. On Nov. 20, the FFA had a roller skating party and invited the Y-Teens. We had a County Collective booth and a Farm Mechanics exhibit at the State Fair. Some of the projects in our shop include: 3 cattle squeeze chutes, 2 four-wheel trailer beds, 5 metal farrowing crates, power hack-saw, 2 implement carriers, loading chute, boat, silo doors, weed sprayer, 2 stock gates, and reconditioning a spring tooth.

James Patry, Reporter

MORROWVILLE: Twelve of our members attended the FFA Day at the Mid-America Fair at Topeka. Junior and Senior class members also attended the American Royal. The chapter purchased a concrete feeding-trough mould and plan to purchase two calves as a chapter project. Our shop projects planned or started include a loading chute, several two-wheeled trailers, two grinders, two implement trailers,

an implement carrier, two feed bunks, a cattle guard, a stalk cutter, hog feeder, repainting four tractors, and repairing a pickup and trailer. We have castrated hogs for the farmers of the community. We have started a pest control contest with Washington. The loser buys the winner a trophy and treats them to a weiner roast.

John Kozel, Reporter

HOPE: Larry Schimming won fourth place in the Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Contest on his rear mounted scraper. On Oct. 5, six boys and our advisor went to the Meat Judging School at Salina. On their return they stopped at a poultry farm near Gypsum. A trailer, air compressor, and feed bunks have been started in our shop. We are starting a money-raising program for the Parent-Son Banquet to be held in the spring.

Von Pschigoda, Reporter

KINCAID: The Junior and Senior classes attended the Mid-America Fair at Topeka on Sept. 12. On Oct. 27, we harvested our FFA Corn Project on which we made \$215. We sponsored an all school Halloween Masquerade Party the evening of Oct. 28. We charged each one 10 cents which went to buy five prizes for the five students coming in the best costumes. Some shop projects under way are: several farrowing crates, a hay elevator, a two-wheel trailer, an implement trailer, two feed bunks, and a hay baler repair.

Wesley Pinneo, Reporter

HOWARD: We have 20 Voc. Ag. students this year. We cleared about \$150 on our book exchange.

We had open house Nov. 12. There were about 650 people attending. We held our annual FFA and FHA party. The Chapter Sweetheart was elected. We are planning a project tour and a turkey shoot. We hope to start the pest hunt in December. We have several shop projects planned. They are: 2 four-wheel trailers, 1 garden tractor, 1 hay loader, several feed bunks, and a loading chute. We now have 3 gilts in our gilt ring and plan to add 2 more. We are going to raise broilers for our Parent-Son Banquet.

Dale Brenner, Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS: Our first money-making project was the County Collective Grain booth exhibited at the State Fair. From this booth the chapter received a Grand Champion Ribbon for the third consecutive year. Its total profit was \$157. We also sent five officers and our advisor to the National FFA Convention. At present, we are planning our annual FFA-FHA Harvester which will be held in the high school gym. In our shop we have made a variety of projects including: dehorning chutes, loading chutes, trailer, steel gates, wooden gates, an elevator, clothes line posts, and machine carrier.

Earl Pickrell, Reporter

FORT SCOTT: We started the school year with 52 boys enrolled in Voc. Ag. and 55 members in FFA. Four sets of officers were elected; the freshman, sophomore, and junior officers besides the regular officers who were elected last May. As in the past year, the chapter decided to divide the chapter members' mothers into 8 groups to serve refreshments at our night meetings. At the first meeting in

Sept., the regular chapter officers were in charge and gave speeches on topics. Eight-hundred fifty pounds of iced watermelons were served to 130 guests which included most of our parents. Fourteen Green Hands were initiated at our November meeting. Plans and goals have been set up for our safety program. Forty-three members, our Superintendent Mr. Haberbosch, Ed Davis, a parent, and our instructor attended one day and evening of the National FFA Convention. The chapter has accepted the project of maintaining, and checking out the grass drill which was received from the local Soil Conservation Service. The chapter will receive 15 cents an acre for this service. Our shop work includes: a feed bunk, gates, repairing motor, hog house, head squeeze, and loading chutes.

Richard Stark, Reporter

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FARMING PROGRAM STORY

LONGFORD: Dale Curtis, Longford FFA Green Hand has set his sights for the Star Green Hand medal that has recently been made available for the first time by the National FFA Foundation. His Farming program as a freshman consists of thirty-seven southwestern ewes, one pure-bred Hampshire ram, nine feeder lambs, and five deferred steers. He also owns a small tractor, a mounted cultivator and a springtooth. With his sheep project, he is producing early fall lambs and creep feeding

them for the early spring market. Next year he is planning to have ten or fifteen acres of milo as a feed crop. . . . Dale is looking to the future with a great deal of anticipation to becoming a State Farmer and perhaps an American Farmer. Dales' father operates a three hundred and twenty acre farm which is partly under irrigation, and includes a balanced program of beef cattle, hogs, dairy, and poultry, along with such feed crops as milo, corn sorgo, soybeans, alfalfa, and wheat.

Philip Benfer, Reporter